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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment and terminal disclaimer filed 3/22/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 75-99.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 January 2004 and 21 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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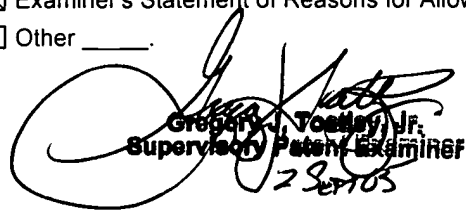
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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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Examiner's Comments

In the parent case (09/368,461, now pat no. 6,493.097), it states " This application claims priority from co-pending PCT Application No. SE98/00196, filed February 3, 1998, which claims priority from Swedish Application No. 97003842, filed February 4, 1997, as provided for in 35 USC §120 and 35 USC §119 (a) through (d) in accordance with USC §365." *The PCT Application No. SE98/00196 should have been under continuing data under domestic priority 35 USC §120 not under foreign priority. The priority data is being corrected via examiner's amendment below.*

Examiner further notes that application 09/368,461, now pat no. 6,493.097 and application 10/244,819, now pat no 6,714,303 have the same problem. Applicant should submit a request for certificate of correction to move the PCT Application No. SE98/00196 from foreign priority to continuing data (domestic priority).

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows: on line 6 of page 1 of the specification, "claims priority from" has been replaced by -- is a continuation of --.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 3/22/05 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent 6,714,303 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 75-99 allowed.

As to claims 75-88, the prior of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious a method for determining interaction of at least one species with a plurality of individual zones of a sensing surface by repeatedly varying the incident angle and/or wavelength of the light and simultaneously measuring the intensities of light reflected from the sensing surface and the momentary incident angle and/or wavelength of the incident light to correlate each image to a specific incident angle and/or wavelength, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 75.

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As to claims 89-99, the prior of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious an analytical system comprising means for repeatedly varying the incident angle and/or wavelength of the light and means for **synchronized** optical detection of images in the image plane and incident angle and/or wavelength of light illuminating the sensing surface, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 89.

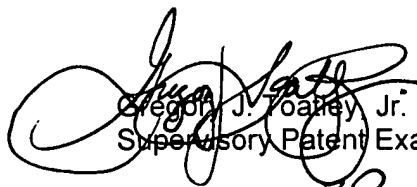
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amanda H. Merlino whose telephone number is 571-272-2421. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext 77. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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